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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY DELEGATION
TO ISRAEL

REF: TEL AVIV 6608

1. FOR SAIGON: DEPT DOES NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON SUITABILITY OF THIS VISIT, WHICH IS A MATTER FOR THE TWO PARTIES INVOLVED TO DECIDE. HOWEVER, SUCH A VISIT, AND ITS ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, COULD LIKELY UNDERCUT THE MAJOR EFFORT GVN IS MAKING TO FORESTALL PERMANENT SEATING OF THE PRG AT THE SEPT 5-8 ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. THEREFORE, IF EMBASSY IN AGREEMENT, RECOMMEND YOU SUGGEST THAT GVN MAY WISH TO POSTPONE VISIT UNTIL NAC CONCLUDED.

2. FOR TEL AVIV: EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FOREIGN LIAISON
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OFFICER THAT, BECAUSE OF POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS PROPOSED

VISIT, YOU WILL BE RESPONDING THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY TO HIS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS. TO MFA YOU SHOULD SAY: (A) WE ASSUME PURPOSE OF QUERY WAS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER WE HAVE OBJECTIONS TO VISIT; WE DO NOT, IN PRINCIPLE, (B) WE OBSERVE HOWEVER THAT VISIT AT TIME PLANNED COULD UNDERCUT GVN EFFORTS AGAINST PRG SEATING IN NAC, (C) WE HAVE NO RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE TO GOI ON THIS POINT AND ULTIMATE DECISION IS, OF COURSE, FOR TWO PARTIES TO MAKE.

3. FOR SAIGON AND TEL AVIV: FOREGOING DRAFTED AND CLEARED JUST PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF SAIGON 15257. LEAVE IT TO SAIGON'S JUDGMENT WHETHER OR NOT TO PURSUE SUGGESTION THAT VISIT BE POSTPONED IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE NAC COMPLICATIONS. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO TEL AVIV'S PASSING SUBSTANCE OF SAIGON 15257 TO MFA. WE PARTICULARLY ENDORSE SAIGON'S HOPE THAT VISIT BE LOW KEY SHOULD IT PROCEED AS SCHEDULED. ROGERS

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